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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. KODAMA et al

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METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING For

> A DATABASE FOR MANAGING MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING INFORMATION, RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING PROGRAM

THEREOF, AND SYSTEM

THEREFOR

Art Unit : 2167

Examiner : S. McAllister

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2001, the term for response to which expires on August 21, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 14, and 15, without prejudice, and substitute amended claims 2-6 and 13 as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents. Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date noted below.

Dated: July 26, 2001

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The method according/to claim 6, wherein all (Amended) the products of the series product have common specifications.